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BOOT HAVING A FLOATING ARTICULATION

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The present invention relates to an item of footwear intended for sporting use. It is intended to protect the feet and legs of a user.

It is particularly suitable for use in motor sports and, more particularly, off-road motorcycling, where the feet and legs of the user are very exposed. However, it can also be found to be advantageous for motorcycling, snowboarding, mountain biking, jet-skiing or hiking, in particular.

There are already known motocross boots having a leather upper, to which reinforcements of plastics material are fixed. The reinforcements provide protection, whilst the leather brings about the connection between the reinforcements and allows a degree of flexibility. Boots of this type are hardly satisfactory in that the protection is limited and the freedom of movement reduced.

On the other hand, WO-A-01 35781 discloses a boot comprising:

- a first rigid shell which defines a body which is intended to receive the foot of a user and which extends in an extension direction,
- a second rigid shell which defines an upper which is intended to receive the leg of the user and which extends substantially in an upright direction and
- an articulation which connects the body and the upper, said articulation allowing the upper to rotate relative to the body in two axes of rotation which are substantially perpendicular to each other.